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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

 (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a tumour which comprises administering to a subject in need of treatment an effective amount of an inhibitor of PRAME, in combination with a second agent selected from the group of an inhibitor of HDAC (an HDACi) and a retinoid.

said inhibitor of PRAME being an interfering RNA (RNAi).

- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the inhibitor of PRAME is an siRNA or vector encoding said siRNA.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said HDACi is Nhydroxy-3-(3-phenylsulfamoyl-phenyl)-acrylamide.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said tumour is a melanoma.
- (Withdrawn) An inhibitor of PRAME and a second agent selected from the group of an inhibitor of HDAC (an HDACi) and a retinoid, as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in therapy.
- (Withdrawn) An inhibitor and second agent for use according to claim 5 wherein said therapy is treatment of a melanoma.
- (Withdrawn) An inhibitor and second agent for use according to claim 5 or 6 wherein said inhibitor of PRAME is an siRNA or vector encoding said siRNA.
- (Withdrawn) An inhibitor and second agent for use according to claim 5, 6 or
 wherein said HDACi is N-hydroxy-3-(3-phenylsulfamoyl-phenyl)-acrylamide.

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Claims 9-11. (Canceled)

- 12. (Withdrawn) An assay for an inhibitor of an interaction between PRAME and a retinoic acid receptor (RAR) which comprises bringing together:
 - (i) a candidate inhibitor; and
 - (ii) a PRAME protein and a RAR protein; and

determining if the putative inhibitor is capable of preventing an interaction

between said PRAME and RAR proteins.